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## Spring 2021

The Quarterly Newsletter of the Manitowoc County Recycling Center

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### SHREDDED LEAF MULCH

Shredded leaf mulch is available as a limited term special product. We are offering this as first come, first serve, and while supplies last. If you ever wondered what happens to the leaves the City of Manitowoc and Two Rivers collects, they are stockpiled for spring and then blended with the grass clippings, garden trimmings, and wood chips dropped off at the Basswood and Woodland Compost Site through the spring and summer. This year, we decided to shred the leaves before blending them. This helps them decompose faster, takes up less space, and also makes them more desirable for garden and landscape projects.

A 2-4 inch layer of shredded leaf mulch can be a helpful option in your garden bed. They have many of the same benefits as wood mulch but break down and incorporate into the soil much faster.

#### Benefits of shredded leaf mulch:

- Buffers soil temperature.
- Improves soil fertility as it decomposes.
- Retains soil moisture.
- Suppresses weeds.
- Also a good addition for correcting soggy or smelly compost piles!

#### Guidelines

- Pay in the main office before loading.
- Loading is generally available M-F between 7:30am and 3:30pm at the Basswood site.
- Loading is not available on Saturdays.
- Site and equipment conditions, weather, and product availability may restrict loading or delivery.
- Please call ahead for large orders over 10 cubic yards.
- We do not load purchases under 1/4 cubic yard.
- Delivery service is generally available April through November. We can deliver up to 6 cubic yards per load.
- Delivery fee (per load) is \$40 if less than 10miles, and \$65 if over 10miles. Manitowoc County only.
- Delivery distances are based on the shortest route available to the delivery truck.
- Delivery wait times can vary from a few days to 2-3 weeks so please plan ahead.

**\$10 per cubic yard**  
**\$1 per bushel** (about 10 gal)  
**Available for delivery**



#### Mission Statement

To provide materials recycling and recovery services to the citizens of Manitowoc County and to keep the public informed about recycling issues.



**Manitowoc County Recycling Center & Compost Sites**  
 3000 Basswood Road, Manitowoc WI  
 920-683-4333

[Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowocounty.com/recyclingcenter)



**COMPOST SITES—SEASONAL HOURS**

Beginning April 1st the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites will have new hours. The Basswood Site yard material drop off area will be open Monday-Friday, 7am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm. The Basswood Site is located at 3000 Basswood Road in Manitowoc. The Woodland Site, located at 4191 Woodland Drive in Two Rivers, will be open Monday-Friday, 10am to 6pm and Saturday from 8am until 6pm.

Both the Basswood Road and Woodland Drive Compost Sites are available for drop off of acceptable yard materials during the posted hours. Remove plastic bags and other unacceptable debris from the materials you drop off. Brush drop offs should be placed on the brush pile. Keeping your yard material drop offs clean and free of unacceptable items will help us create better compost products. When using the compost sites drive slow and watch for traffic. It is advisable to avoid using the compost sites during or after heavy rains since they can easily become rutted and slippery. Do not use the compost sites outside of the posted hours.

**Accepted Items:** Grass, leaves, flowers, plants, pumpkins, fruits, vegetables, garden waste, yard waste, brush, branches (not more than 6 inches in diameter or longer than 5 feet), clean woodchips, clean saw dust, and natural holiday trees.

**Unacceptable Items:** **ASHES, stumps, animal waste, sod with soil, topsoil, dirt, rocks, gravel, lumber, garbage, large branches greater than 6 inches in diameter or longer than 5 feet.**

**BASSWOOD COMPOST SITE**

3000 Basswood Rd, Manitowoc  
 Mon-Fri 7am-6pm  
 Sat 8am-6pm

**WOODLAND COMPOST SITE**

4191 Woodland Dr, Two Rivers  
 Mon-Fri 10am-6pm  
 Sat 8am-6pm

Loads may be subject to inspection by Recycling Center staff. Illegal dumping is subject to fine per Manitowoc Code Section 6.17. Placing unaccepted items in an otherwise designated recycling container or pile is considered illegal dumping and is subject to fine. If you have questions about a particular material, call 683-4333 and ask.

**COMPOST PRODUCTS**

Wood mulch and compost are available at the Recycling Center Main Office during the posted office hours. Purchases must be made before loading. Note that the office hours are different than the drop off site hours. Loading is generally available Monday through Friday from 7:30am to 3:30pm. Deliveries of 6 cubic yards/load can also be set up within Manitowoc County. Call 920-683-4333 for more info.



**Screened Compost**



**Shredded Leaf Mulch**



**Wood Mulch**

**RECYCLING CENTER OFFICE**

3000 Basswood Rd, Manitowoc  
 Mon-Fri 7am-4pm  
 Sat 8am-Noon

**SCREENED COMPOST PRICES**

- 1 bushel: \$3.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$15.00

**UNSCREENED COMPOST PRICES**

- 1 bushel: \$1.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$3.00

**WOOD MULCH**

- 1 bushel: \$1.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$10.00

**SHREDDED LEAF MULCH**

*(see page 1 for leaf mulch details)*

- 1 bushel: \$1.00
- 1 cubic yard: \$10.00

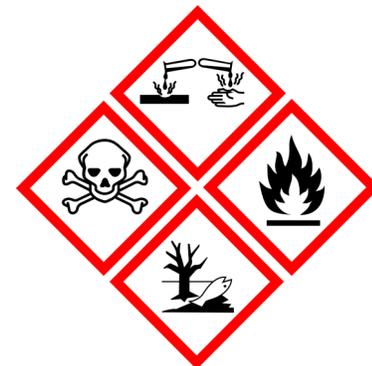
**DELIVERY**

- Zone 1 (within 10mi) \$40.00
- Zone 2 (over 10mi) \$65.00

*1 bushel is about 10 gallons of material and a cubic yard is 3'X3'X3'.*

# Hazardous Waste Clean Sweep

Many common items like automotive products, household cleaners, pesticides, and home improvement products are hazardous when used, stored, or disposed of improperly. Look for items that contain the following on their labels: **Danger, Warning, Caution, Poison, Combustible, Flammable, Corrosive, and Toxic.**



**Covid-19 Precautions:**

- **Place all items in the trunk/rear of your vehicle. We will not unload items in your backseat.**
- **Totes and boxes will not be returned.**
- **Remain in your vehicle at all times.**
- **Use of a face covering is strongly encouraged.**
- **Don't attend if you're sick.**

**Manitowoc County Highway Shop  
3500 HWY 310**

**Residents**

Saturday, **May 15**, 9am - Noon

**Farms and Businesses**

Friday, **May 14**, 2pm - 4pm

Pre-registration is required by May 7  
Call 920-683-4333

Many cleansers, home improvement products, automotive products and pesticides can be dangerous when stored or disposed of improperly. They can contaminate the soil, water, and air when spilt or illegally dumped. Improperly stored items could be involved in accidental poisonings of children and pets. The Clean Sweep Program provides an opportunity to safely dispose of these materials for free and for eligible businesses to save on their disposal costs.

All of the collected items are properly recycled, neutralized or disposed of at special disposal sites or hazardous waste incinerators that render the materials harmless.

The Manitowoc County Clean Sweep is part of a regional partnership with Sheboygan and Fond du Lac County. It is possible partly through grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection, a donation from the Ridgeview Landfill and volunteer labor.

**REDUCTION IS YOUR FIRST CHOICE!**

**Before you buy:**

- *Read the labels*
- *Choose safer alternatives*
- *Buy the smallest amount needed for the job*

**After you buy:**

- *Follow directions for safe use*
- *Store properly in the original container*
- *Share what you can't use*
- *Dispose of leftovers properly*

**ACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- Pesticides and poisons
- Oil and lead based paints
- Wood preservatives
- Solvents
- Aerosols
- Cleansers and polishes
- Contaminated oil
- Antifreeze
- Gasoline
- Mercury and mercury containing devices
- Pool chemicals

Disposal or recycling options exist for many unacceptable items. Contact the Manitowoc County Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 or visit

[Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter)

**UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS**

- **LATEX PAINT\***
- Explosives such as ammunition
- Radioactive materials such as smoke detectors
- Compressed gas tanks such as fire extinguishers and propane tanks
- Unknown chemicals
- Tires
- Infectious and biological waste including sharps
- Light bulbs and batteries
- TVs and electronics
- Appliances
- Freon gases
- Pharmaceuticals



\*Residents are encouraged to dispose of latex paint in their trash. Just take the lid off and let it dry or add paint hardener or cat litter. Once hard, latex paint can be disposed of in the trash.

**GUIDELINES**

- Household and farms may dispose of acceptable hazardous waste items at no cost.
- Participants must be residents of Manitowoc County.
- Wastes must be brought in the original containers. Keep materials separate. Do NOT mix chemicals.
- To prepare materials for transport, line a cardboard box with a plastic bag, place them in the box and separate with cardboard.
- Place items in your trunk or the back of your vehicle.
- Gas cans, totes, and other containers will not be returned.
- When arriving at the Clean Sweep site, slow down and follow traffic directions.
- Remain in your vehicle at all times.
- Do not come before or after the listed times.
- Farms and businesses must register by May 7. Call 920-683-4333.

**Program Sponsors:** Manitowoc County Solid Waste Dept., Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (DATCP), Waste Management Inc., Ascend Services Inc., and Manitowoc County UW Extension.

## TIRE COLLECTION

The Manitowoc County Recycling Center tire collection will run from April through the October. Tire Collection started in 1998 as a 2 week event and has since collected approximately 4.01 million pounds of waste tires. Waste tires can be reused in a number of beneficial ways. They can be shredded into rubber chips and used as artificial turf or as a groundcover in playgrounds. Tire rubber can be incorporated into asphalt roads, running tracks, and used in other rubber products. Depending on what other materials are in the tires, they may also be used as tire derived fuel at permitted facilities.

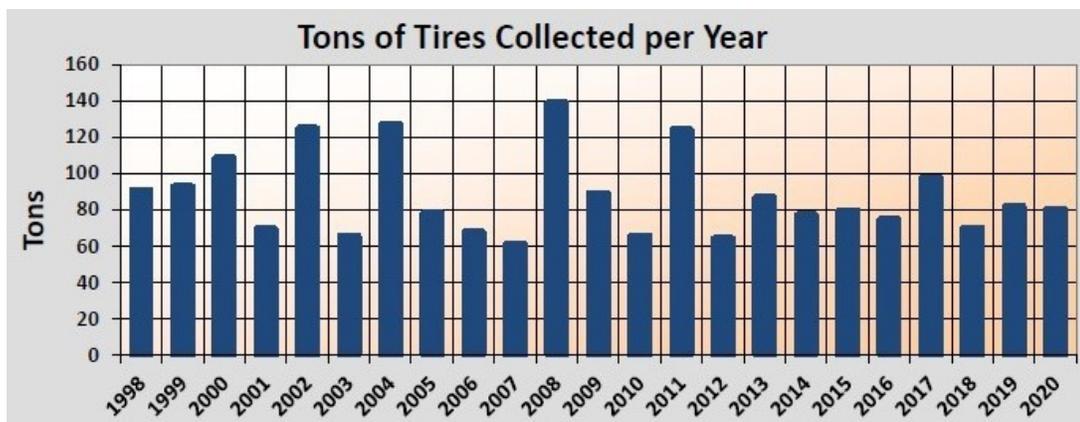
The DNR estimates that Wisconsin produces 5 million waste tires per year. Tires have been banned from landfills since 1995 because they take up too much space and their bulky size makes them hard to keep buried. Unfortunately, tires have often been illegally dumped along roadways or in illegal stockpiles. Aside from looking like a mess this can cause problems. Water accumulated inside the tires becomes a breeding ground for mosquitoes. If tire piles catch fire they can release large amounts of pollutants into the air, water and soil.

### Fees and Guidelines

- \$5.25—per car tire or smaller (5 tires or less).
- \$6.90—per standard truck tire (5 tires or less).
- 17 cents per pound (\$340 per ton) for:
  - Quantities of 6 or more tires
  - Semi tires
  - Tires on rims
- 22 cents per pound (\$440 per ton) for off road tires including:
  - Agricultural equipment tires
  - Mining equipment tires
  - Mixed loads containing off road tires
- Stop in the Recycling Center Main Office **before** dropping off tires.
- Bring your waste tires to the Manitowoc County Recycling Center during normal office hours.
- Collection employees reserve the right to judge, based on tire size, and quantity, whether a customer is charged on a per tire basis or by tire weight.
- Residents and businesses with dump truck load or larger quantities of tires must call the Recycling Center before coming.
- For more information call the Recycling Center at 920-683-4333 or visit [Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter](http://Manitowoccounty.com/recyclingcenter)

<p><b><u>Location &amp; Hours:</u></b>                  3000 Basswood Road                  Manitowoc</p> <p>Monday—Friday                  7am—4pm                  Saturday                  8am—Noon</p>	<p><b><u>Tires Accepted:</u></b>                  Car                  Truck                  Semi                  Tractor                  Motorcycle                  ATV                  Bicycle</p>
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\*Rubber products that are not tires are not accepted.



## DRUG DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Drug Drop Boxes are available year-round at participating law enforcement buildings. Since the Drug Disposal Program started in 2006, 19,023lbs of unwanted medications have been collected for proper disposal. Participants should remove pills from the original container and put them in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or smaller. Pills can be mixed in one bag. Bring the bag to a law enforcement drug drop box. Recycle or dispose of the empty pill bottles and boxes at home. Liquids, creams, and powders stay in their original container with the caps tightened.

### Guidelines:

- Accepted drugs include prescriptions, over the counter, pet medications, controlled substances, and supplements.
- Place pills in a "ziplock" style bag that is quart size or less. Liquids, cremes, and powders can stay in the original container with caps tightened.
- Pill bottles and boxes are NOT accepted. Cross out your personal information and dispose of them or recycle them at home.
- Needles, sharps, mercury devices, chemical waste, electronic glucose monitors, non-medical inhalers, and personal care products like shampoo and cosmetics will NOT be accepted.
- Do NOT bring medications to drug disposal events before or after the listed times.
- Households only. Businesses should call 683-4333 for disposal information.
- Practice safe storage by keeping medications in a secured location.
- Practice reduction by consulting with your physician about your medication needs.
- Never share your prescriptions with another person.

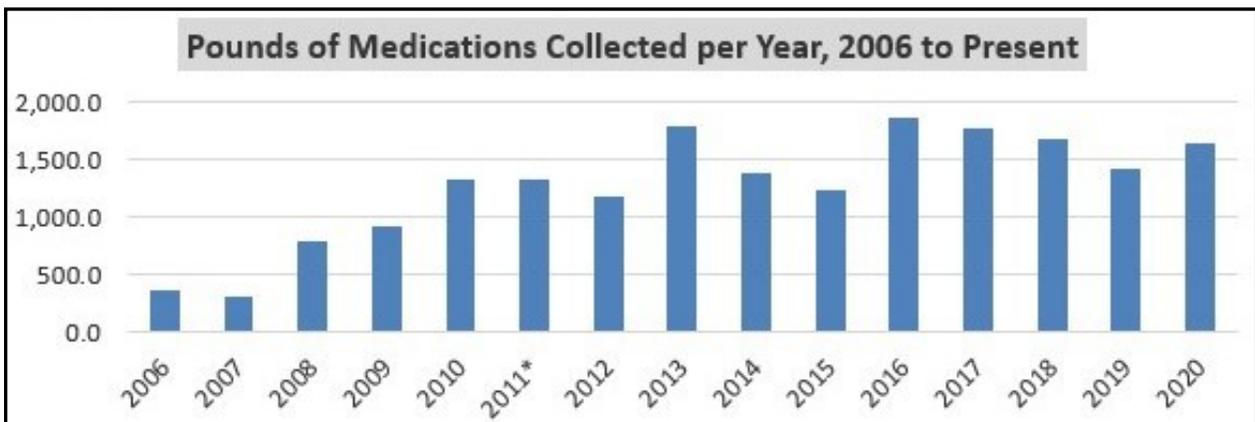
### PERMANENT DROP BOX LOCATIONS:

- Manitowoc Co. Sheriff's Office: 1025 South 9<sup>th</sup> St, 8am-3:30pm M-F
- Manitowoc City Police Dept: 910 Jay St, Manitowoc, 7:30am-4:30pm M-F
- Two Rivers Police Dept: 1717 East Park St, Two Rivers, 8am-4:30pm M-F
- Mishicot Village Police: 511 East Main St, Mishicot, open during [Village Hall](#) hours
- Kiel Police Dept: 619 Paine St, Kiel, open 7:30a-3p M-F

## YES



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**RECYCLING DEPOT**

The Manitowoc Recycling Center maintains a residential drop off area at the Recycling Center Main office located at 3000 Basswood Road. It is open Monday-Friday from 7am to 4pm, and Saturday from 8am to Noon. This site is intended for use by all county residents. There is no trash or garbage drop off at this location. Contact a local hauler or the Ridgeview Landfill for disposal of rash. Different municipal drop off sites may be more accessible to you depending on the city, township or village you are from.

General Drop Site Guidelines

- Place your recyclables in the bunker or receptacle labeled for that material.
- Remove any plastic bags or strings and take them home with you to place in your trash.
- Do not place nonacceptable items in the bunkers or receptacles.
- Do not place materials outside receptacles on the ground.
- Large loads of cardboard, paper or plastic can be placed on appropriate pile on the tipping floor.
- Use caution driving through the drop site and on the tipping floor.
- Due to Covid-19 please practice social distancing and other precautions at the recycling depot.



The recycling and compost areas are monitored for illegal dumping, littering, and other issues. Please follow all posted guidelines.

Paper  
Includes newspapers, junk mail, magazines, computer paper, books with metal or plastic binding removed etc.. Paper should be clean and dry. No paper contaminated with food or oil. No paper coated with foil, plastic or heavy glue. No plastic/foil wrapping paper.



Plastic  
Check for a neck. **We only accept #1 and #2 bottles and jars.** Remove the caps, rinse and flatten. No tub shaped containers or bottles that contained oil or pesticide (even if rinsed). No plastic wraps, films, bags, trays, pails, packaging peanuts, Styrofoam, or any other non bottle shaped item. Please do not tie milk jugs together or tie in plastic bags.



Glass Bottles  
Any color glass bottle or jar can be recycled. Put into designated bunker. Remove lids or caps and rinse. No window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, clay, ceramics, drinking glasses or ovenware.



Cartons  
Cartons include shelf stable and refrigerated containers for wine, milk, juice, cream, soy milk, soup, and egg substitutes. Drop off cartons with the plastic bottles. They should be emptied and flattened.



Cardboard  
Should be clean and flattened. No soiled cardboard or cardboard coated with wax, tin, or plastic.



Cans  
Tin, steel, and aluminum cans. Coated cans, foil, and pie tins are ok. Empty and rinse out food residue.



**ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER REQUEST**

Are you interested in receiving current updates recycling programs in Manitowoc County? Join our electronic mailing list to receive our quarterly newsletter. Either call us at 920-683-4333 or email [jonreisenbuechler@co.manitowoc.wi.us](mailto:jonreisenbuechler@co.manitowoc.wi.us) and request to be added to our email distribution list. The recycling center will not give away or sell your information. You will receive our quarterly newsletter detailing news and information about the recycling center and related events.

**SCRAP METAL DUMPSTER**

The Recycling Depot now has a scrap metal dumpster available for your convenience. It is for clean scrap metal only, including steel, iron, copper, sheet/cast aluminum, tin, and mixed metals. Please remove excessive non-metal components.

- NO propane (or other) tanks
- NO electronics or appliances
- NO batteries or lamps
- NO garbage, plastic, wood, or rubber
- NO chemicals, gas, oil, or other hazardous wastes.



The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is operated by Ascend Services Inc. Formerly Holiday House of Manitowoc Inc.



The Manitowoc County Recycling Center is a business unit of the Manitowoc County Department of Public Works and is operated in partnership with the Manitowoc County Expo Center.

